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April 8, 2004

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: PD-6

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES  
TIERRA SUBIDA AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
CITY OF PALMDALE  
RESOLUTION NO. 3880  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
4 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that conducting preliminary engineering studies for Tierra Subida Avenue is of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended, therefore, to the City of Palmdale for preliminary engineering studies in the amount of \$85,000 to be funded by the Road Fund at no net County cost. The preliminary engineering studies shall be completed by April 30, 2005.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Palmdale is proceeding with preliminary engineering studies for the widening and improvement of Tierra Subida Avenue from Avenue Q-8 to 1,600 feet south of Avenue Q-8, which is located entirely within the City. Your Board's adoption of the enclosed resolution will authorize the expenditure of the County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Palmdale for the City to perform preliminary engineering studies for this work.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be extended therefore. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment, and materials or a direct payment to the City.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides funding of preliminary engineering studies for a future project to improve a roadway that will benefit the general motoring public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Funding of the \$85,000 for the preliminary engineering studies is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Resolution has been prepared in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The preparation of preliminary engineering studies is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board should your Board be asked to consider participating in a project that is proposed by the City of Palmdale as a result of these preliminary engineering studies.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The preparation of preliminary engineering studies is needed to determine the scope and construction cost of improvements on Tierra Subida Avenue that may be proposed in the future. These studies for Tierra Subida Avenue are needed and of general County interest.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us with an executed copy of the Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION NO. 3880**

IT IS RESOLVED that the Improvement of Tierra Subida Avenue from Avenue Q-8 to 1,600 feet south of Avenue Q-8, within the City of Palmdale, is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended therefor for preliminary engineering studies from the Road Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$100,000, to be made available from the Road Fund for this purpose.

Provided, however, that if the aforementioned work has not been started within 60 days from the date of the County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund, and also provided that, immediately upon completion of the work, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the improvements and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_, 2004 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By Franklin E. Scott  
Deputy